





'DOLANTHE' is to be produced by Singapore

According to a Japanese vernacular paper, Russian engineers are engaged in surveying for a line of railway between Vladivostok and the frontier of Korea.

Elephants have become too prominent in Sordang, and have taken to strolling along the roads. The bridge on the latter, not being calculated to bear their weight, have been obliged to close it. Two bridges have wholly given way, and the strongest has become quite crooked.

Captain Taylor, late master of the ship *Earl Stanbury*, intends it is said, as soon as he gets on his feet, to contest the jurisdiction of the Marine Court of Enquiry, by recently into the circumstances attending the wreck of his vessel in Banca Strait. His certificate, it will be remembered, was suspended for twelve months.

THE *S.S. Sri Putri* reports on arrival at

Singapore from Pabang, that on the 20th of September last she saw the German bark, *Wien*, which had been wrecked on the shore at the mouth of the river, with timber and other cargo. *Wien* was seen to be on the edge of the vessel which was uninjured and proceeded on her voyage. The *Sri Putri* received \$1,000 for towing the bark off.

Tan Mountain paper states that wrecked bark has been observed on the shore near Yesh and that a bottle was picked up by a Teline containing a piece of paper with the name *Victorio* written upon it, evidently the name of the ship which was wrecked. It is a total wreck and probably all hands lost.

THE question whether the Chinese would take kindly to the Swissbikes was solved on the opening day of the toy railway in Singapore in a very satisfactory manner. The cars began to run at 4 p.m. and the Chinese came continuously up till 11.45 p.m. Over 200 of the island passengers were carried of whom nearly one half were

CHINA, to save the State Independent of the 2nd of July, 1889, is in consequence of the tightness of the money market that 20 firms have failed, owing to the consequent pressure by Ohtetsu, to whom the banks will not advance money. Business here and in the Native States, depending on borrowed capital, in a bad way, and the outlook is none of the brightest.

Mr Arthur Hoare, who has so successfully erected and started the Switchback Railway in Singapore, has gone to Bombay in order to superintend the erection of a Switchback there. The promoters of the Bombay enterprise are anxious to have it in complete working order at the time of Prince Albert's approaching visit to that city.

THE following notification is substituted in the Gazette for that dated July 19, 1889.

—Foreign Office, July 1.—The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Clementine Francis Romilly Allen, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Pechai, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Chetsoo; and Henry Baines Bristow, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Chinkiang, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Wenshow.

a member of a well-known naval family,  
 and cousin of Captain W. M. Lang, admiral  
 in the Chinese Service.

Ten Chinese adopt not very pleasant ways  
 of getting out of the world. A Chinese  
 prisoner in Singapore, a cool named Koh  
 Hei, under sentence of death for a number of  
 rigorous imprisonment for theft, committed  
 suicide by climbing on the rail out-  
 side of his cell-door and letting himself  
 drop to the ground. He fractured his skull,  
 and at the inquest held by the Coroner  
 the same afternoon the jury returned a  
 verdict accordingly.

On the West Coast of Sumatra certain

cantankerous writer in the Batak country have  
 turned motive and end the restraint of  
 civilized rule. Under the influence of  
 Singa Mangarajah, the high priest of the  
 region, they have raised disturbances  
 which it has taken a large body of troops  
 to quell. The rebels were defeated with no  
 great difficulty, and the high priest fled.  
 His fate as yet, his head is expected to result  
 in his capture.

A SINGAPORE correspondent under date of  
 1st October, writes to the *Straits Times*:—  
 'We are trying to get up a syndicate locally  
 to buy the Kwang Mines. I heard the scene  
 of the mines is a beautiful one. The  
 water is rising, and on Monday the  
 to the wheels of the pumping engine. The  
 bangles are falling down. The Klinghs have  
 grubbed up all the vegetables out of the  
 Chinamen's gardens. Half the bazaar is  
 closed, and there are seven hundred men  
 at work in Serendah—the powdered men  
 in the State.

The leading article in the Singapore Chinese  
 paper *Lat Pau* of the 23rd inst.  
 dwells on the necessity of appointing

Chinese Consulate to the Philippine Islands. It says that the Chinese Residents there are very badly treated. They have to pay a poll-tax of seven or eight dollars and a half, known as Hospital Expenses. As soon as a Chinaman lands at the Philippine Islands, he has to pay a fee of three dollars. otherwise he will be held back and arrested and made to work for half a month, as equivalent for the three dollars. The natives treat the Chinese with the utmost cruelty and legal proceedings do no good for the oppressed Chinamen. When the two Chinese Commissioners Wong and Yung visited the Philippine Islands, the Chinese

residents there complained to them of the ill-treatment they had received, and a memorial was accordingly made to His Excellency Chang, the Viceroy of Szechwan. In addition to this the Viceroy had collected a large sum of money and sent one of his number to Canton with a petition to His Excellency seeing that something must be done memorialised the throne and the Emperor. The Emperor's Majesty appointed Consul to China, and the "Hainan Islands" Memorial was granted, but unfortunately the General was taken ill at Shanghai and could not proceed to his post. Since then no further action seems to have been taken, and as His Excellency is now about to be transferred to the Province of Yunnan it is feared that his successor at Canton will not bestow so much of his attention to the question as it deserves. Alas! How unfortunate the Chinese residents at the Philippine Islands are!—Translated by Singapore Free Press.



On Demand.....	72 1/2
30 days sight, private.....	73 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine.....	\$5.50
Tobaccolans.....	\$0.38

**Temperature.**

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BAROMETER—	9 A.M.....	29.80
Do.	1 P.M.....	29.72
Do.	4 P.M.....	29.72
THERMOMETER—	9 A.M.....	80
Do.	1 P.M.....	85
Do.	4 P.M.....	86
Do.	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M.....	79
Do.	Do. 1 P.M.....	81
Do.	Do. 4 P.M.....	87
Do.	Maximum.....	91
Do.	Minimum.....	79

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AT 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Baromet. bar.	29.70
Temperature.....	84
Dew Point.....	70
Direction of Wind.....	1
Force.....	1
Weather.....	0
Rain-fall.....	0

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